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A nationwide sampling of law firm billing rates

The National Law Journal asked the respondents to its 2010 survey of the nation's 250 largest law firms to provide a range of hourly billing rates. Firms that supplied the information are listed in alphabetical order. Non-NLJ 250 firms appear separately.

FIRM NAME	PRINCIPAL OR LARGEST OFFICE	NUMBER OF ATTORNEYS	FIRMWIDE		PARTNER			ASSOCIATE		
			PER HOUR	PER HOUR	PER HOUR	PER HOUR	PER HOUR	PER HOUR	PER HOUR	PER HOUR
Adams and Reese	New York	786	\$270	\$350	\$250	\$340	\$340	\$250	\$195	\$225
Alston & Bird	Atlanta	786	\$250	\$300	\$250	\$320	\$315	\$250	\$270	\$405
Archer & Gray	Washington	325		\$765	\$400			\$475	\$240	
Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz	Memphis, Tenn.	552	\$312	\$305	\$255	\$357	\$348	\$320	\$165	\$231
Benesch, Friedlander, Coplan & Aronoff	Cleveland	161	\$315		\$575	\$330	\$335		\$360	\$195
Blank Rome	Philadelphia	472	\$510	\$495	\$855	\$440	\$615	\$625	\$550	\$363
Briggs and Morgan	Minneapolis	190	\$373	\$360	\$500	\$290	\$437	\$440	\$315	\$210
Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck	Denver	248	\$391	\$380	\$810	\$235	\$463	\$448	\$360	\$200
Buchalter Nether	Los Angeles	164	\$415	\$415	\$625	\$270	\$490	\$495	\$450	\$195
Burr & Forman	Birmingham, Ala.	256	\$328	\$330	\$500	\$210	\$361	\$365	\$335	\$200
Caution Fields	Tampa, Fla.	275	\$388	\$390	\$775	\$325	\$455	\$455	\$375	\$195
Cazen O'Connor	Philadelphia	521	\$422	\$390	\$880	\$310	\$497	\$475	\$585	\$225
Davis Wright Tremaine	Seattle	491	\$355	\$365	\$755	\$320	\$486	\$480	\$435	\$210
Dickstein Shapiro	Washington	336	\$545	\$530	\$950	\$525	\$656	\$650	\$590	\$205
Dinsmore & Shoen	Minneapolis	578	\$410	\$385	\$795	\$440	\$515	\$515	\$290	\$180
Doney & Whitney	Minneapolis	578	\$410	\$385	\$795	\$440	\$515	\$515	\$290	\$180
Dykens Gossett	Detroit	333	\$445	\$450	\$635	\$360	\$495	\$515	\$420	\$225
Edwards Angell Palmer & Dodge	Boston	505	\$451	\$450	\$780	\$345	\$571	\$575	\$510	\$200
Fisher & Phillips	Atlanta	238		\$395	\$340			\$360	\$220	
Foley & Lardner	Milwaukee	895	\$554	\$570	\$1,035		\$654	\$640		\$255
Fox Rothschild	Philadelphia	472	\$407	\$415	\$680	\$315	\$473	\$470	\$475	\$235
Frost Brown Todd	Columbus	408	\$477	\$280	\$515	\$200	\$320	\$310	\$290	\$150
Gandere Wynne Sewell	Dallas	270	\$445	\$450	\$815	\$380	\$531	\$525	\$445	\$195
Godfrey & Kahn	Milwaukee	172		\$495	\$325			\$340	\$180	
Gray Robinson	Orlando, Fla.	250		\$750	\$225			\$315	\$150	
Greenberg Traurig	New York	1,763	\$453	\$480	\$975	\$355	\$550	\$580	\$610	\$200
Harris Beach	Buchanan, N.Y.	176		\$500	\$275			\$250	\$130	
Hiscock & Barclay	Syracuse, N.Y.	175	\$311	\$275	\$650	\$195	\$348	\$305	\$440	\$150

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			AVERAGE	MEDIAN	HIGH	LOW	AVERAGE	MEDIAN	HIGH	LOW	AVERAGE	MEDIAN
Hodgson Russ	Buffalo, N.Y.	197	\$328	\$320	\$665	\$230	\$374	\$370	\$410	\$175	\$238	\$230
Holland & Knight	Washington	942	\$418	\$425	\$950	\$300	\$499	\$495	\$480	\$185	\$288	\$280
Holmes, Morton & O'Brien	Denver	117	\$325	\$325	\$650	\$250	\$415	\$410	\$450	\$170	\$230	\$230
Husch Blackwell	St. Louis	554	\$323	\$331	\$804	\$230	\$357	\$375	\$415	\$171	\$220	\$200
Jackson Kelly	Crofton, Md.	111	\$325	\$325	\$650	\$215	\$415	\$415	\$425	\$155	\$235	\$235
Jackson Lewis	White Plains, N.Y.	651	\$364	\$300	\$715	\$260	\$428	\$430	\$440	\$150	\$282	\$275
Jones, Walker, Washburn, Pollock, Canine & Deegan	New Orleans	300	\$325	\$325	\$650	\$215	\$415	\$415	\$425	\$155	\$235	\$235
Kelley Drye & Warren	New York	325	\$325	\$325	\$650	\$215	\$415	\$415	\$425	\$155	\$235	\$235
Kipnisk & Stockton	Atlanta	425	\$325	\$325	\$650	\$215	\$415	\$415	\$425	\$155	\$235	\$235
Knobbe, Martens, Olson & Bear	Irvine, Calif.	266	\$432	\$415	\$710	\$385	\$511	\$485	\$450	\$285	\$332	\$335
Lane Powell	Seattle	175	\$343	\$340	\$650	\$310	\$431	\$430	\$430	\$220	\$275	\$275
Lathrop & Gage	Kansas City, Mo.	286	\$325	\$325	\$650	\$215	\$415	\$415	\$425	\$155	\$235	\$235
Lindquist & Vennum	Minneapolis	154	\$325	\$325	\$650	\$215	\$415	\$415	\$425	\$155	\$235	\$235
Littler Mendelson	San Francisco	794	\$372	\$355	\$650	\$290	\$445	\$435	\$480	\$210	\$296	\$285
Lyons, Ladd, Russell & Ladd	Dallas	342	\$325	\$325	\$650	\$215	\$415	\$415	\$425	\$155	\$235	\$235
Loeb & Loeb	New York	300	\$325	\$325	\$650	\$215	\$415	\$415	\$425	\$155	\$235	\$235
Lowenstein Sandler	Roseburg, Ore.	238	\$325	\$325	\$650	\$215	\$415	\$415	\$425	\$155	\$235	\$235
Manatt, Phelps & Phillips	Los Angeles	320	\$553	\$550	\$850	\$525	\$651	\$650	\$625	\$200	\$405	\$410
Marshall, Dennehey, Warner, Coleman & Goggin	Philadelphia	412	\$325	\$325	\$650	\$215	\$415	\$415	\$425	\$155	\$235	\$235
Maynard, Cooper & Gale	Birmingham, Ala.	212	\$325	\$325	\$650	\$215	\$415	\$415	\$425	\$155	\$235	\$235
McCart & English	Newark, N.J.	352	\$325	\$325	\$650	\$215	\$415	\$415	\$425	\$155	\$235	\$235
McElroy, Deutsch, Mulvaney & Carpenter	Montclair, N.J.	269	\$218	\$225	\$550	\$235	\$280	\$260	\$275	\$150	\$190	\$185
McKenna Long & Aldridge	Washington, D.C.	572	\$435	\$430	\$850	\$325	\$543	\$535	\$600	\$220	\$355	\$350
Michael Best & Friedrich	Minneapolis	219	\$325	\$325	\$650	\$215	\$415	\$415	\$425	\$155	\$235	\$235
Miles & Stockbridge	Baltimore	223	\$325	\$325	\$650	\$215	\$415	\$415	\$425	\$155	\$235	\$235
Mills & Martin	Chattanooga, Tenn.	192	\$328	\$335	\$610	\$230	\$381	\$385	\$275	\$180	\$218	\$210
Moore & Van Allen	Charlotte, N.C.	282	\$364	\$350	\$785	\$255	\$441	\$425	\$350	\$180	\$257	\$250
Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough	Columbia, S.C.	400	\$347	\$340	\$830	\$245	\$399	\$385	\$335	\$185	\$248	\$240
Nexsen Pruet	Columbia, S.C.	178	\$325	\$325	\$650	\$215	\$415	\$415	\$425	\$155	\$235	\$235
Nixon Peabody	New York	582	\$429	\$430	\$850	\$375	\$613	\$625	\$680	\$195	\$388	\$385
Opletz, Dealins, Nash, Smoak & Stewart	Greenville, S.C.	485	\$351	\$350	\$775	\$300	\$389	\$390	\$390	\$195	\$285	\$285
Palton Boggs	Washington	525	\$482	\$485	\$930	\$355	\$645	\$625	\$550	\$215	\$359	\$400
Pepper Hamilton	Philadelphia	458	\$325	\$325	\$650	\$215	\$415	\$415	\$425	\$155	\$235	\$235
Parkins Cole	Seattle	583	\$447	\$445	\$825	\$275	\$534	\$530	\$570	\$200	\$354	\$354
Phelps Dunbar	New Orleans	281	\$226	\$215	\$385	\$180	\$272	\$265	\$240	\$145	\$183	\$190
Phillips Lytle	Buffalo, N.Y.	355	\$325	\$325	\$650	\$215	\$415	\$415	\$425	\$155	\$235	\$235
Polsinelli Shughart	Kansas City, Mo.	500	\$325	\$325	\$650	\$215	\$415	\$415	\$425	\$155	\$235	\$235
Quarles & Brady	Minneapolis	415	\$325	\$325	\$650	\$215	\$415	\$415	\$425	\$155	\$235	\$235
Roetzel & Andress	Akron, Ohio	215	\$317	\$325	\$525	\$225	\$357	\$350	\$325	\$165	\$243	\$245
Rutan & Tucker	Costa Mesa, Calif.	133	\$325	\$325	\$650	\$215	\$415	\$415	\$425	\$155	\$235	\$235
Saul Ewing	Philadelphia	219	\$412	\$425	\$800	\$320	\$491	\$478	\$475	\$225	\$310	\$285
Schulte Roth & Zabel	New York	433	\$325	\$325	\$650	\$215	\$415	\$415	\$425	\$155	\$235	\$235
Seyfarth Shaw	Chicago	704	\$377	\$375	\$770	\$335	\$505	\$503	\$535	\$185	\$325	\$329
Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton	Los Angeles	464	\$325	\$325	\$650	\$215	\$415	\$415	\$425	\$155	\$235	\$235
Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick	Toledo, Ohio	210	\$331	\$350	\$540	\$250	\$365	\$365	\$315	\$185	\$246	\$235
Smith, Gambrell & Russell	Atlanta	175	\$325	\$325	\$650	\$215	\$415	\$415	\$425	\$155	\$235	\$235
Snell & Wilmer	Phoenix	396	\$338	\$325	\$785	\$315	\$485	\$475	\$550	\$175	\$282	\$265
Stoel Rives	Portland, Ore.	358	\$381	\$395	\$650	\$315	\$441	\$443	\$330	\$190	\$270	\$265
Strasburger & Price	Dallas	181	\$336	\$351	\$617	\$250	\$372	\$393	\$306	\$194	\$243	\$245
Taft, Stettinius & Hollister	Cincinnati	286	\$315	\$315	\$500	\$220	\$358	\$350	\$385	\$185	\$227	\$225

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			MIN	MAX	MIN	1ST QUANTILE	50TH QUANTILE	90TH QUANTILE	MIN	1ST QUANTILE	50TH QUANTILE	90TH QUANTILE
Thompson Coburn	St. Louis	326			\$610	\$900			\$395	\$190		
Townsend and Townsend and Crew	San Francisco	177	\$320	\$290	\$790	\$470	\$583	\$650	\$460	\$260	\$345	\$325
Velde Pize	Chicago	255	\$425	\$425	\$720	\$370	\$483	\$470	\$365	\$255	\$326	\$325
Williams Mullen	Richmond, Va.	300	\$363	\$340	\$645	\$315	\$420	\$395	\$370	\$230	\$279	\$280
Winston & Strawn	Chicago	899	\$488	\$490	\$1,075	\$475	\$670	\$660	\$610	\$250	\$393	\$375
Wyatt, Terrant & Combs	Louisville, Ky.	166			\$500	\$245			\$285	\$180		
NON-NLJ 250 FIRMS												
Fowler White Boggs	Tampa, Fla.	127	\$350	\$370	\$575	\$325	\$400	\$388	\$315	\$205	\$250	\$255
Luce, Forward, Hamilton & Scripps	San Diego	143			\$670	\$350			\$445	\$245		
Montgomery, McCracken, Walker & Rhoads	Philadelphia	117			\$625	\$380	\$461		\$395	\$205	\$284	
Schwabe, Williamson & Wyatt	Portland, Ore.	158	\$350	\$340	\$540	\$310	\$415	\$410	\$450	\$200	\$260	\$250